INDOOR BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- Never pour oil or grease down sink drains, toilets or storm drains.
- ➤ Collect grease in a container and dispose of it in the garbage or recycle it.
- Scrape grease and food scraps from pots, pans, plates and cooking utensils into the garbage before washing.
- Do not use extremely hot water and detergents to dissolve the grease, it only moves the problem down the line.

 Look for phosphate-free soaps.
- If grease is spilled, soak it up with an absorbent material and dispose of in the garbage or in a sealed container.
- Clean grease traps and interceptors regularly.

Effects of Stormwater Pollution

- Groundwater contamination
- Loss or extinction of fish and other aquatic organisms due to toxicity in the water.
- Pollution of recreational water for swimming, boating, fishing, skiing, etc.
- Plugged storm drains and pipes resulting in flooding, erosion, and potential property damage
- Foul odors and garbage on the streets



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Stormwater Runoff Pollution

In 1993, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reported that "Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water." In the Wenatchee Valley most stormwater runoff enters local rivers and streams via a network of storm drains and pipes located in our roadways, driveways, and parking lots. This system is intended to prevent flooding by quickly carrying away rain

and snowmelt only. Unfortunately rain and snow aren't the only substances that flow to our rivers and streams.



Improper storm drain usage pollutes waterbodies, blocks pipes and

drains, causes foul odors, and is unsightly for customers. Not to mention it is illegal.

Storm drain pollution impairs the quality of water used for recreation, fish, wildlife and other downstream uses such as drinking water. Limiting nonstormwater runoff is essential to ensuring that our rivers and streams remain a viable resource for future use.

COMMON STORMWATER POLLUTANTS

- Grease
- Oil
- Soap
- Wash Water
- **Cleaning Products**
- Garbage
- Leaky Dumpste
- Waste Food
- **Excess Dirt**



HELP MINIMIZE STORMWATER RUNOFF POLLUTION

- Rinse hoods and vents on the lawn or into sewer.
- Set sprinklers so water is contained on the lawn.
- Direct downspouts from rain gutters away from paved surfaces.
- Keep litter out of the storm drain system.
- Prevent dumpster leakage.
- Clean up spills promptly.
- Sweep up the parking lots and dispose of waste in the trash.
- Keep grease barrels and garbage in a contained area and/or covered.
- Report illegal dumping into a storm drain. (Stormwater hotline Number below)

